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The Honorable John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

My attention has just been drawn to the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the United States and Japan, signed at Tokyo April 2. I am particularly pleased with Article VII, which safeguards our rights to operate our offices in Japan, and the third section of Article XV, which gives us a right to compete freely for marine insurance on trade between Japan and the United States.

For many years our Government has been unwilling to recognize the restrictive practices imposed by foreign governments on the American insurance industry. I therefore congratulate you on this Treaty, which outlaws many of these restrictive practices and which will, I hope, serve as a guide for similar treaties with other countries.

It seems to me unfortunate that these provisions, so important to the insurance industry, are missing from the treaties with Colombia, Israel, Ethiopia, Denmark and Greece, now before the Senate. I sincerely hope that if the Senate ratifies these treaties, it will be with the understanding, condition, or reservation that the insurance clauses appearing in the treaty with Japan will be made an integral part of each of them.

Very truly yours,

John A. Diemand
President

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Dear Mr. Diemand:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, commenting favorably on Article VII and the third paragraph of Article XV of the recently signed treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with Japan.

It is gratifying that you find the provisions relating to insurance in this treaty satisfactory and advantageous, and we plan to seek similar provisions whenever possible in treaties negotiated in future with other countries. However, although it is also planned to seek improvements in existing treaties whenever the occasion seems propitious, we would not be inclined to recommend that the Senate attach a reservation to treaties now before it merely because they lack the material in question. Such reservation would necessitate returning to the other government involved, at the risk of losing the treaty or of reopening the treaty as a whole to the disadvantage of the protection secured for other American interests.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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